

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Teleconference
November 16, 2020

Members Present: Thomas Stanage, Ph.D., (President); Matthew Christiansen, Ph.D. (Vice President); Trisha Miller, Ph.D., (Secretary); Chuck Sherman, Ph.D., Member; Brian Roegiers, Lay Member; Robert Overturf, Lay Member (joined call at 12:05pm CDT); Jeffrey Ellison, Psy.D., Member (joined call at 12:55pm CST)

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Administrator; Jill Lesselyoung, Administrative Assistant; Trevor Thielen, Legal Counsel for the Board; Marilyn Kinsman, Senior Policy Analyst for South Dakota DSS; Roger Belisle, Ph.D.

Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions: Stanage called the meeting to order at 12:01pm CST.

Roll Call: Lesselyoung called the roll. A quorum was present (Stanage, Miller, Christiansen, Sherman, Roegiers).

Conflicts to Declare: None.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda: None.

Approval of the Agenda: Christiansen motioned to approve the agenda as presented; Sherman seconded the motion. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote. Stanage, yes; Christiansen, yes; Miller, yes; Ellison, absent; Sherman, yes; Overturf, absent; Roegiers, yes.

Public Testimony/Public Comment Period (1:04pm MST / 12:04pm CST): Dr. Belisle made the board aware of his presence due to interest in the PSYPACT agenda item and stated desire to be involved in the discussion during that item.

Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2020 Meeting: Sherman moved, Christiansen seconded, to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote. Stanage, yes; Christiansen, yes; Miller, yes; Ellison, absent; Sherman, yes; Overturf, absent; Roegiers, yes.

Overturf joined the meeting at 12:05pm CST

FY Financial Update: Lesselyoung reported on the most recent financial report – September 30, 2020. Lesselyoung reported that as of September 30, 2020, revenue was at \$9,021.47, year-to-date expenditures were at \$17,473.37, and Cash Balance was at \$110,664.59. Miller moved and Christiansen seconded motion to accept the financial report. Motion passed unanimously via roll call vote. Stanage, yes; Christiansen, yes; Miller, yes; Ellison, absent; Sherman, yes; Overturf, yes; Roegiers, yes.

ASPPB, Annual Meeting – Virtual, October 16-17, 2020 – Recap: Miller attended the virtual annual meeting as the South Dakota representative. Miller made board members aware that the two primary items discussed included 1) Procedural changes boards have experienced and/or implemented due to

COVID-19, including modifications to in-person supervision requirements for prospective licensees, meetings and/or oral exams conducted virtually vs in person, etc., 2) EPPP2 – who was involved in designing items and why items were chosen, only those individuals applying to states requiring the EPPP2 will be allowed to take it, etc. Miller made the group aware she voiced concern at the meeting about implications for mobility if individuals are only allowed to take it if they are initially applying to a state which requires the EPPP2.

ASPPB Board Chairs Meeting - Virtual, October 22, 2020-Review: Stanage attended the recent ASPPB Board Chairs Meeting. Stanage made the board aware of three main takeaways from the meeting: 1) Board chairs were provided with a number of licensure application forms developed by the Canadian board in response to COVID-19, to take into account the changes applicants may be seeing in their training process at this time. Stanage forwarded the documents to Miller (who provides the education reviews for the board as applications are received) who will review these further to determine if any changes to our current forms may be warranted, 2) EPPP2 – Stanage reported concerns and some anger was presented by board chairs with regard to ASPPB's limitations on applicants only being allowed to take the EPPP2 if they are applying to states who are adopting the EPPP2 in their requirements for licensure. Some states are seeing this as a coercive move by ASPPB to get states to adopt the EPPP2. Additionally, states brought up concerns about the implications the limitation may have on future mobility for those licensees not taking the EPPP2 in their initial state of licensure. 3) ASPPB has now released Guidelines for Use of Social Media that all are encouraged to review.

Records Retention Update: Lesselyoung made the board aware the board office has been reviewing the policy regarding the length of time currently required for retention of applicant files, complaints, etc. With consultation from DSS Administrative law judge (Schulte), it was determined that retaining hard copies of licensee files for five years beyond the most recent renewal application as well as storing records electronically (scan and store) for 40 years would be an appropriate timeline policy for our board purposes. Stanage inquired as to whether the board has an electronic storage option that will suffice for this purpose and Miller inquired about whether there are specific state requirements on how/where electronic storage must occur. Tellinghuisen and Lesselyoung stated perception the board computers are able to handle the electronic storage at present and that there is a nightly backup to the server in place. The capacity of storage is unknown, but Tellinghuisen and Lesselyoung will check this and report back if additional capacity is needed. Kinsman made the group aware that there is no state directive on how/where for the electronic storage, but that this determination lies with the board.

PSYPACT – Proposed Regional Compact Update: Dr. Roger Belisle, who is a SD licensed psychologist currently appointed as one of the 15 members of the SD Mental Health of First Responders Task Force, provided board members with some background information and statistics about mental health among those who serve as first responders. Concerns include the number of first responders diagnosed with PTSD and who experience suicidal ideation or completion. Many first responders are volunteers, so they do not have benefits that provide for counseling coverage, and accessibility to mental health professionals specialized to provide services to first responders is limited as there are not sufficient numbers of professionals with this niche in SD. Thus, the task force saw PSYPACT, which allows for interjurisdictional access to mental health professionals, as a possible aid to the current access to mental health care limitations in SD. Belisle stated knowledge that 15 states have already passed legislation to join PSYPACT and 13 additional states (including MN and IA) are in the legislative process in attempt to do so. Belisle inquired about the SD board's position on PSYPACT. Stanage made Belisle aware the board has not taken a specific stance, as currently the board is trying to understand the details and implications of PSYPACT for our state specifically. Miller made Belisle aware that financial concerns had also been a concern initially

about joining but that has since been resolved as other states were also having the same concern. Miller made Belisle aware, however, that some concern continues as there is no limitation on who outside providers serve to or who they don't – thus leaving the possibility for outside entities to market to the top-insured of the state whilst not providing help to those who need access most – our population served via Medicaid/Medicare. Stanage made it aware that SD has been approached about the option of a Regional Compact, which is being spearheaded by several groups in WY, to address smaller states' concerns regarding PSYPACT. Currently, the PSYPACT standards are overseen by ASPPB, for instance, whereas a regional compact would be directly overseen by the states involved. Also, the monetary exchange for PSYPACT goes to ASPPB rather than the states for managing the individual providers involved. Belisle stated his thanks for updating him on these developments and requested the contact information for the WY group, which Stanage agreed to provide to him following the meeting. Miller stated appreciation for Belisle's service on the task force looking into options for first responders. Stanage inquired about whether the task force has examined utilization of the already-existing CISM teams across the state. Belisle stated peer support has been examined as an option, though these tend to be more preventative in approach and they are looking at intervention once mental health difficulties are evident. Sherman inquired about the training being provided and what the theoretical orientation of individuals is. Belisle reported nationally standardized trainings are utilized, such as those through the ICISF, that are proven to be effective and financially viable, but not necessarily based on a set theoretical orientation. With regard to examining telehealth options, Stanage encouraged Belisle to examine the telehealth legislation passed three years ago which strongly encourages individuals seeking services to have a relationship with an in-state provider (particularly important for higher risk populations).

Continuing Education Questions: Lesselyoung made the board aware of several inquiries received by the board office following the mailing notifying licensees of the new CEU requirements. Some individuals were inquiring about whether required hours for this year would be prorated, given the October mailing. Others desired to clarify whether any other documentation other than a copy of the certificates are required. Another inquiry was in regard to whether there were certain types of CEU's not being accepted. Miller inquired as to whether the questions received have been added to the board's website in the FAQ's section. Lesselyoung stated a copy of the letter as well as the exact rules wording has been posted but an adjustment to the FAQ's section has not yet been made.

Online Renewals Update: Lesselyoung made the board aware that the board office has been working in close consultation with Kinsman/DSS with regard to determining a system to utilize. Lesselyoung explained consideration of going to the system with Albertson Construction wherein practitioners would be able to renew their licenses online, as well as make payments via credit card, update their address, and retrieve license verifications online. This would allow a more user-friendly way of conducting these transactions. The Board of Examiners of Psychologists would share costs for this system with the Social Work Board. Other DSS boards do also use the Albertson Consulting system. Stanage inquired if going with this system is the board office's recommendation, following all the options they've examined. Both Lesselyoung and Tellinghuisen agreed this system makes a lot of sense to transition to. Christiansen motioned and Sherman seconded, to approve implementation of the Albertson Consulting system. Motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote. Stanage, yes; Christiansen, yes; Miller, yes; Ellison, absent; Sherman, yes; Overturf, yes; Roegiers, yes.

Ellison joined the meeting at 12:55pm CST.

Executive Session- Pursuant to SDCL-1-25-2: Miller motioned and Ellison seconded to enter executive session at 12:56pm CDT for purpose of discussing three complaints/investigations (#217-I, #218-I, and #223). Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote. Stanage, yes; Christiansen, yes; Miller, yes; Ellison, yes; Sherman, yes; Overturf, yes; Roegiers, yes.

Roegiers motioned, Sherman seconded, to exit Executive Session at 1:04p CST Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote. Stanage, yes; Christiansen, yes; Miller, yes; Ellison, yes; Sherman, yes; Overturf, yes; Roegiers, yes.

Board members left the executive session call and redialed into the general meeting. Stanage called the general meeting back to order at 1:05pm CST Lesselyoung provided roll call; all members were present.

Other Business: None.

Schedule Next Meeting/Conference Systems: The next meeting, set to be a virtual meeting, was tentatively set for Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 8am MST/9am CST. Any business that needs to be addressed prior to this date will take place via teleconference.

Motion to adjourn was made by Sherman, seconded by Ellison. Stanage adjourned meeting at 1:10pm CST following unanimous roll call vote to do so. Stanage, yes; Christiansen, yes; Miller, yes; Ellison, yes; Sherman, yes; Overturf, yes; Roegiers, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha T. Miller, Ph.D.
Secretary

1-27-1.17. Draft minutes of public meeting to be available--Exceptions--Violation as misdemeanor. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.